Sl. No.	Name of the Bank	Capital As on 31.3.1996	Deposits As on 31.3.1996	Profit/Losses 1994	1995	1996
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
24.	Vysya Bank Ltd., Bangalore (Karnataka)	9.97	4308.77	30.84	101.28	105.11
25.	Sikkim Bank Ltd., Gangtok (Sikkim)	2.99	15.41	—	0.02	0.28
26.	Ganesh Bank of Kurundwad Ltd., Kurundwad (Maharashtra)	0.03	48.34	0.15	0.12	0.11
27.	UTI Bank Ltd., Ahmedabad (Gujarat)	*	*	—	5.98	*
28.	Indus Ind. Bank Ltd., Pune (Maharashtra)	*	*	—	21.83	*
29.	ICICI Banking Corporation Ltd., Baroda (Gujarat)	150.00	727.95	—	1.98	16.51
30.	Global Trust Bank Ltd., Secunderabad (AP)	184.08	1324.30	—	14.17	40.36
31.	HDFC Bank Ltd., Mumbai (Maharashtra)	200.00	685.78	—	0.80	20.28
32.	Centurian Bank Ltd., Panjim (Goa)	101.25	215.27	—	1.01	9.64
33.	Bank of Punjab Ltd., Chandigarh (Punjab)	105.00	278.29	—	0.12	13.36
34.	Times Bank Ltd., Faridabad (Haryana)	108.00	355.72	—	1.87	7.61
35.	IDBI Bank Ltd., Indore (M.P.)	100.00	12.31	—	0.03	0.93
36.	Development & Credit Bank Ltd., Mumbai (Maharashtra)	16.56	688.50	—	—	21.38
37.	The Bari Doab Bank Ltd., Hoshiarpur (Punjab)	*	*	*	*	*

* Balance Sheet not received.

Modernisation of Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati

3685. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise the Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati to attract more business; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b) Modernisation of the tea auction centre at Guwahati is a continuing process. Auction hall of the Guwahati Tea Auction Centre has been modernised and fully air conditioned in September, 1995. Also, Statistical Department of the Auction Centre has been fully computerised in April, 1996 to provide services to both buyers and sellers.

Clearing of Direct Investment Proposals

3686. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government has cleared 44 foreign direct investment proposals involving and investment of more than Rs. 900 crore recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the leading foreign companies and areas of their investment?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details of such proposals viz. Name and country of foreign collaborator, equity investment involved, item of manufacture/activity are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a

supplement not the Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

[Translation]

Staff Shortage in Regional Rural Banks

3687. DR. ARVIND SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the Regional Rural Banks are facing staff shortage;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the staff shortage is adversely affecting the functioning of these Banks; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to provide adequate staff to the Regional Rural Banks?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (d) Most of the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) have relatively high establishment costs relative to the volume of business. In order to contain the expenditure on establishment and thereby improve the viability of the RRBs, they have been advised not to undertake any recruitment, save in exceptional situations, without prior approval of Government. RRBs, however, may make a request for fresh recruitment. The request for additional staff has to be based on a thorough assessment of their work-load in terms of volumes and amount of business and the scope for optimal utilization of existing manpower and should be recommended by the sponsor banks and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

[English]

Joint Sampling of Coal

3688. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received some proposals/suggestions from the Government of Gujarat regarding joint sampling of coal during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals/suggestions received; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) and (b) A reference on joint sampling of coal despatches to Gujarat thermal power stations was received with the suggestion that the joint sampling may be reverted back to the power station end.

(c) The dispute on the venue of joint sampling of coal is common to most of the thermal power stations. After careful consideration it has been decided by the Government that joint sampling will be undertaken at the loading point.

Losses in H.M.T.

3689. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Lamps Division of HMT Hyderabad is being closed down; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and how the surplus staff is likely to be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Badla System

3690. SHRI O.P. JINDAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has decided to review the present 'Badla' system prevalent in share market in Bombay;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would affect the market in any way; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

[English]

Demand for Indemnity Bond by S.B.I. from Pensioners

3691. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether nationalised banks are authorised to demand Indemnity Bond in addition to the letter of undertaking, from first time pensioners who opt to receive pension through banks after retirement;

(b) whether some branches of the Meerut Zone of